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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT REACTION TO LONDON MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED VARIOUS CYPRUS-RELATED LONDON MEETINGS WITH EMPHASIS ON CYPRIOT CONCERNS. EDITORIALS HAVE BEEN WARY, EXPRESSING FEAR OF PRESSURE FROM U.S. AND EC FOR "NATOIST" SOLUTION UNFAVORABLE TO CYPRUS. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS GIVEN CARTER-DEMIREL MEETING PROMINENT, FAVOR-  
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2. SERIES OF MEETINGS INVOLVING PRESIDENT CARTER AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD IN LONDON WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS, ESPECIALLY KARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL, HAS BEEN THE PROMINENT NEWS STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS MAY 7-12. STORIES, BASED LARGELY ON ATHENS NEWS AGENCY REPORTING, HAVE HIGHLIGHTED CYPRIOT ANGLE STRESSING

THAT KARAMANLIS RECEIVED "CARTE BLANCHE" FROM MAKARIOS TO PRESENT GOC VIEWS TO PRESIDENT CARTER; U.S. WITH NATO ALLIES IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING GREAT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GREECE TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY AND REJOIN NATO'S MILITARY COMMAND; U.S. AND EC ARE PREPARING FORMULA TO SOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM AFTER TURKISH ELECTIONS; CLIFFORD HAS BEEN AT CENTER OF CYPRUS-RELATED DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON, IS WRITING U.S. POLICY PAPER ON CYPRUS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND MAY RETURN (SOME PAPERS REPORT HE WILL DEFINITELY RETURN) TO CYPRUS AFTER TURKISH GENERAL ELECTIONS TO MEDIATE GRECO-TURKISH DIFFERENCES.

3. GREEK CYPRIOT NEWS PLAY MAY 11 FOCUSED ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS TO NEWSMEN FOLLOWING DEMIREL MEETING, GAVE HEADLINE TREATMENT TO PRESIDENT'S ALLEGED DENIAL OF LINKAGE BETWEEN CYPRUS ISSUE AND ARMS EMBARGO. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS CHOSE TO INTERPRET THIS AS MEANING TURKEY HAS HIGHEST U.S. POLICY PRIORITY AND HEADLINED: "CYPRUS GETS SECOND CONSIDERATION."

4. GREEK CYPRIOT EDITORIALS HAVE VIEWED LONDON MEETING WITH CAUTION. COMMUNIST PRESS HAS WARNED THAT LONDON MEETINGS ARE TRAP FOR CYPRUS; U.S. AND EC ARE PUTTING INTOLERABLE PRESSURE ON KARAMANLIS TO AGREE TO "NATOIST" SOLUTION THAT WILL ULTIMATELY RESULT IN "IMPERIALIST TROOPS" BEING BASED ON CYPRUS AND ARCH-BISHOP MAKARIOS BEING OVERTHROWN. PRO-LYSSARIDES PAPERS HAVE FOLLOWED MUCH THE SAME LINE, ATTACKING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD ON MAY 10 FOR "DECEIVING GREEKS" IN THE PAST, AND FOR NOW TRYING TO EXTRACT FROM THE GREEK SIDE FURTHER CONCESSIONS WHERE NONE ARE POSSIBLE.

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5. PHILELEFTHEROS OBJECTED MAY 10 THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS IN LONDON SEEM TO SERVE NATO INTERESTS BEFORE CYPRIOT AND WARNED ANY SOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT TAKE CYPRIOT INTERESTS ALSO INTO CONSIDERATION WOULD ONLY RESULT IN NEW VIOLENCE. SAME PAPER MAY 11 DID NOT "OBJECT" TO ANOTHER CLIFFORD VISIT; GREEKS HAD LAID THEIR CARDS ON THE TABLE BEFORE AND WOULD AGAIN; TURKS ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT FROM SECOND CLIFFORD VISIT. PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI HAS TWICE CAUTIONED READERS THAT GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE MUST DISPLAY PRUDENCE AND PATIENCE; PAPER CLAIMED SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD HAS EMBARKED ON DIFFICULT, SERIOUS SEARCH FOR SOLUTION HE CAN RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO IS CYPRUS' GREAT HOPE. PAPER CLAIMED PRESIDENT IS EXPOSED, ON ONE HAND WANTING PROGRESS ON CYPRUS BUT ON OTHER BEING UNABLE TO TAKE PUBLIC POSITION WHICH WOULD UPSET DELICATE TURKISH SITUATION IN PRE-ELECTION PERIOD.

6. TURKISH PRESS HAS GIVEN CARTER-DEMIREL MEETING PROMINENT, FACTUAL COVERAGE, HIGHLIGHTING SATISFACTION OVER MEETING

EXPRESSED BY BOTH SIDES AND PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT CYPRUS,  
DCA, AND MILITARY SALES TO TURKEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
SEPARATELY. PRESS COMMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO TWO  
ARTICLES IN PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN. FIRST ARTICLE, WHILE NOTING  
THAT TIME WOULD SHOW SINCERITY OF PRESIDENT'S VIEWS, WELCOMED  
"NON-LINKAGE" AS A MORE REALISTIC APPROACH WHICH WILL HELP  
RESTORE US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND ACHIEVE CYPRUS SOLUTION.  
SECOND COLUMN NOTED "NON-LINKAGE" BUT, IN VIEW OF ACTIVITIES  
AND INFLUENCE OF GREEK LOBBY, SKEPTICALLY ASKED WHETHER U.S.  
COULD BE A REAL FRIEND OF TURKEY.  
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